

REMARKS

Formal Matters

Claims 1-40 are pending after entry of the amendments set forth herein.

Claims 5, 11, 25 and 31 are currently withdrawn from consideration.

Claims 1-4, 6-10, 12-24, 26-30 and 32-40 were examined. Claims 1-4, 6-10, 12-24, 26-30 and 32-40 were rejected.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of the amendments and remarks made herein, in addition to the remarks made in the Amendment filed on August 15, 2007.

No new matter has been added.

The Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment

In the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed October 29, 2007, the Examiner indicated that claims 13, 22-24, 26-30 and 33-40 had improper status identifiers. Consequently, Applicant was given a one-month response period during which to supply a corrected "Amendments to the Claims" section. Provided above is the corrected "Amendments to the Claims" section, in which the status identifiers of claims 13, 22-24, 26-30 and 32-40 have been corrected.

Conclusion

Applicants submit that all of the claims are in condition for allowance, which action is requested. If the Examiner finds that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment of fees associated with this communication, including any necessary fees for extensions of time, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1078, order number 10021004-01.

Respectfully submitted,

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